

THE 7TH INTERNATIONAL ERGONOMICS CONFERENCE - ERGONOMICS 2018 - EMPHASIS ON WELLBEING

The *7th International Ergonomics Conference - ERGONOMICS 2018 – Emphasis on Wellbeing* took place from 13th to 16th of June 2018 in Zadar, Croatia, and it was held once again in a relaxed atmosphere of the Falkensteiner Hotels & Residences, Borik. It was our great pleasure to see some of our colleagues once again in Zadar.

The Conferences in this series have been organized by the **Croatian Ergonomics Society** (CrES) every three years since 2001, and from 2016 every two years, as part of CrES objectives to promote ergonomics and exchange knowledge and experience with the scientific and professional community from Croatia and the world, in their consecutive order, as follows:

- 1st International Ergonomics Conference – Ergonomics 2001, Zagreb,
- 2nd International Ergonomics Conference – Ergonomics 2004, Stubičke Toplice, Zagreb,
- 3rd International Ergonomics Conference – Ergonomics 2007, Stubičke Toplice, Zagreb,
- 4th International Ergonomics Conference – Ergonomics 2010, Stubičke Toplice, Zagreb,
- 5th International Ergonomics Conference – Ergonomics 2013, Zadar.
- 6th International Ergonomics Conference – Ergonomics 2016 – Focus on Synergy, Zadar.

At that time *ERGONOMICS 2018 - Emphasis on Wellbeing* was a joint project with:

- **Ergonomics Society of Taiwan** (EST),
- **Chinese Ergonomics Society** (CES),
- **Hong Kong Ergonomics Society** (HKES),
- **Russian Inter-Regional Ergonomics Association** (IREA),
- **Faculty of Transport and Traffic Sciences** (FPZ), University of Zagreb,
- **Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture** (FSB), University of Zagreb and
- **Faculty of Textile Technology** (TTF), University of Zagreb.

Furthermore, *ERGONOMICS 2018 – Emphasis on Wellbeing* was this time endorsed by:

- **International Ergonomics Association** (IEA),
- **Federation of the European Ergonomics Societies** (FEES),
- **Acoustical Society of Croatia** (ASC)

During the Conference opening ceremony, Davor Sumpor (President of CrES and Conference Chair) emphasized the importance of the Conference as a place of knowledge exchange and experience exchange between scientists and experts from Croatia and the World, and invited Jose Orlando Gomes (IEA Vice-President) and Szabo Gyula (Chair of FEES Communication and

Promotion Committee) to address the participants with a few words of welcome.



Jose Orlando Gomes, IEA Vice-President, during the Conference opening ceremony



Szabo Gyula, Chair of FEES Communication and Promotion Committee, during the Conference opening ceremony

More than 70 papers had been submitted, and after the review process, 50 papers were presented at the Conference in oral or poster sessions. The presented papers have been published in the Conference Book of Proceedings with ISSN 1848-9699 (print) and ISSN 2584-5012 (USB), which was printed with full text of all the reviewed papers only. The participants came from the following countries: Austria, Canada, Croatia, Brazil, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indo-

nesia, Iran, Nigeria, Mexico, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Slovenia, South Africa, Switzerland, Taiwan ROC and the USA.

In the introductory part of the Conference sessions, the following invited speakers have contributed with their lectures: Denis Coelho (Portugal), Maggie Graf (Switzerland), Eric Min-Yang Wang (Taiwan) and Uwe Reischl (USA).

For the first time the participants from several countries in the region (Croatia, Slovenia, Hungary, Austria, Russia, and Poland) were able to attend the day-long CREE – IEA – FEES workshop "An Approach to Growing Ergonomics in Europe", which can be equated to 1 ECT of training in Professional Affairs for CREE certification. Six participants from Croatia attended the workshop. The feedback from all participants was quite useful and encouraging.



CREE – IEA – FEES workshop "An Approach to Growing Ergonomics in Europe"

Conference events such as Welcome party, City Tour Zadar, Surprise excursion to the lake Vrana in Pakoštane and the Gala Party were addi-

tional opportunities to open up new possibilities, meet old and make new friends .

For all participants and all stakeholders the Conference was a chance to contribute to a valuable exchange of knowledge and experiences, to encourage stronger interconnections between science and business, as well as to contribute to advances in ergonomics once again.

I am pleased to note that the successful Conference is an outcome of the work of a large group of people. We would like to express deep appreciation to all co-organizing partners, partners that endorsed or supported the Conference, as well sponsors, who enabled and helped to make this Conference successful. We also acknowledge the authors themselves, who contributed to the Conference success with their expertise, appreciating authors' willingness to devote their time for writing the papers and con-

ducting the studies. Finally, with special respect, I would like to thank sincerely all the reviewers and all the members of all the Conference working bodies from Croatia and abroad for their devoted work usually in their leisure time which was in the last part of their tasks under huge time pressure.

I believe that, with the support of international partners, CrES will be able to keep up this level of performance in the future because of the involvement of several young colleagues from Croatia in the Conference organization, for which I am very happy and grateful.

We are looking forward to meeting our dear friends and colleagues in Croatia in 2020 once again, and you are very welcome to inform the others who might be interested to participate in the *8th International Ergonomics Conference - Ergonomics 2020*.

*On behalf of the Croatian Ergonomics Society,
Conference Chair
&
President of the Organizing Committee of the Ergonomics 2018 – Emphasis on Wellbeing
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